

CHARLOTTE O. VAN CLEVE.

MARCH 25, 1896.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 5425.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5425) to grant a pension to Charlotte O. Van Cleve, have carefully considered the evidence relating thereto, and report as follows:

Horatio P. Van Cleve, the husband of this claimant, entered the Military Academy at West Point July 1, 1827, and was continuously until September 11, 1836, when he resigned. He was mustered in as colonel of Second Minnesota Volunteer Infantry September 13, 1861, and served continuously until August 24, 1865, when honorably mustered out as brigadier-general. He was wounded at Stone River, December 31, 1862, and was granted leave of absence on account of wounds, January 9, 1863. He was brevetted major-general of volunteers to date from March 13, 1865, for "gallant and meritorious service during the war." He was commissioned second lieutenant of infantry under act of Congress approved June 11, 1890, and was placed on the retired list July 1, 1890, and died April 24, 1891.

The evidence presented to this committee shows that the widow, who is now about 77 years of age, has no income except a pension of \$8 per month. She has no property except her homestead, which affords her a home merely, but, aside from that, is of no benefit to her, as it is not salable, and costs about, if not quite as much, for taxes, repairs, etc., as the rent is worth.

In view of the long and valuable services of the soldier, and the age and apparent need of the widow, your committee recommend that the bill pass with an amendment, striking out the words "one hundred," in line 8, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "fifty."

Appended are reports from the records of the War Department, giving the full military history of General Van Cleve.

WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, March 19, 1896.

Statement of the military service of the late Horatio P. Van Cleve, of the United States Army, compiled from the records of this office.

He was a cadet at the United States Military Academy July 1, 1827, to July 1, 1831, when he was graduated and appointed brevet second lieutenant Fifth Infantry, July 1, 1831; second lieutenant, December 31, 1834; resigned September 11, 1836. (In volunteer service July 22, 1861, to August 24, 1865.)

SERVICE.

He joined his regiment October 2, 1831, and served with it at Fort Howard, Wis., to November 30, 1831, and at Fort Winnebago, Wis., until he resigned, September 11, 1836.

Under the authority of the act of Congress approved June 11, 1890, he was commissioned a second lieutenant of infantry, July 1, 1890, and placed on the retired list of the Army as second lieutenant same date.

He died April 24, 1891, at Minneapolis, Minn.

W. P. HALL,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

Case of Horatio P. Van Cleve, late brevet major-general, United States Volunteers.

The official records show that Horatio P. Van Cleve was mustered into service as colonel with the field and staff of the Second Minnesota Infantry Volunteers September 13, 1861, to serve three years, with remark "appointed colonel July 23, 1861." He appears to have been present with his regiment until April 22, 1862, when he vacated his commission as colonel Second Minnesota Infantry Volunteers, by his acceptance on that date of a commission of brigadier-general of volunteers.

He is reported as in command of the Fourteenth Brigade, Fifth Division, Army of the Ohio, from April to October 16, 1862; in command of the Fifth Division (left wing), Fourteenth Army Corps, November to December, 1862; and on December 31, 1862, in command of the Third Division (left wing), Fourteenth Army Corps.

He was wounded at the battle of Stone River (Murfreesboro, Tenn.), December 31, 1862, and was granted leave of absence on account of wounds January 9, 1863. He is reported as in command of the Third Division, Twenty-first Army Corps, from March 13 to October 1, 1863; the United States forces at Murfreesboro, Tenn., from November 26, 1863, to July, 1865, and the First Brigade of the District of Middle Tennessee from July to August 19, 1865, when he was relieved from duty. He was honorably mustered out of service in orders from this Department dated August 24, 1865.

Under the provisions of the act of Congress approved June 3, 1884, and the acts amendatory thereof, he is considered by this Department as commissioned to the grade of colonel Second Minnesota Volunteers, to take effect from September 11, 1861.

He was brevetted major-general United States Volunteers to date from March 13, 1865, for "gallant and meritorious service during the war."

Respectfully submitted.

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RECORD AND PENSION OFFICE,
War Department, March 17, 1896.